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Embassy delivered reftel letter and supporting materials to the Botswana Ministry of Foreign Affairs on October 21 via diplomatic note, with a copy to the Ministry of Agriculture. However, we have received no substantive reply. Please note that Botswana held national elections on October 16 and the newly-elected President and Parliament were sworn in this week. Botswana's new cabinet was named October 21. Post will follow up with the offices of Foreign Minister Skelemani and Agriculture Minister De Graaf in coming weeks and report any new developments septel.

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